

Hoffman Trails Elementary Parent Teacher Organization
HTE PTO Meeting Minutes January 6, 2026 7:00 p.m.

1. Welcome & Introductions

- a. Meet PTO Board and Members: 7:02p (Kali, Jenna)
 - i. Sign in on the Screen
 - ii. Introductions

2. Executive Board Reports

- a. Treasurer's Report- Nicole
 - i. Cookie Dough Sales: \$1719.90; Kroger \$326.79
 - ii. Donations to Hilliard Education Foundation sponsorship(\$500), and Ronald McDonald House (\$1105); HTE family cookie kits, and school/classroom supplies
 - iii. Approved by Jenna, Kali
- b. Secretary's Report- Sara
 - i. Approved Courtney, Allison
- c. Principal's Report- Katie
 - i. Cookie Kits for 20 HTE families were amazing and well received! Thank you to the staff and PTO for donations!
 - ii. Thank you for gift wrapping for the teachers! SO thankful for that amazing service
 - iii. Review Kindergarten start deadline - must be five (5) by August 1 to enroll for 2026-2027 school year
 - iv. Winter Assembly and Winter Parties were successful, along with a great winter break ... and tired case of Mondays
 - v. Playground update: layout is bigger, will have rubber mat base (not mulch or rubber mulch); will be adjusted from previous elementary school designs based on learnings
 - vi. Feedback on Friday Emails requested - too much information? Is there a different way to highlight it or repeat it? Group consensus is that it's the right info, asked for important or critical info to be repeated
 - vii. No more phones and smart watches in school, per Ohio State Law - cannot be in school mode either.
- d. ISPTO Report- Jenna or Allison - no December meeting; next meeting is at the end of January

3. Past Events

- a. RECAP OF PAST EVENTS
 - i. Caroling for Charity - raised \$1100! Can sponsor another room at the RHMC for this year! Thank you!
 - ii. Camp Sandlot Giveaway: Claudia Calderon; Nikki Henkel ... thanks from Charlie for our social media exposure!
 - iii. Teacher Appreciation: Gift Wrapping ... please do this again! Much appreciated!
 - iv. Cookie Dough Pick-Up; Feedback/follow up
 - 1. Not the best experience from the fundraising group we work with ... consider alternative options in December? Raised ~\$1700 this year
 - 2. Allison Hurley will own go-forward and determine next steps for 2026/27

4. Upcoming Events

- a. CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- i. Spirit Night at Habaneros- Jan 12th 3-9 (Show FB Post) - Stephanie
 - 1. Have to show the flyer - printed or digital
 - 2. Kristina will support with a QR code sticker
- ii. Teacher Appreciation Jan- Teacher's Choice
- iii. Dance-a-thon- Jan 30th, during Specials - Glow Party with 80s Neon Theme
 - 1. Will raise funds the two weeks leading up to the DaT; use 99Pledges Platform this year instead of Cash and PayPal (due to fees and collecting cash) and donations can be sent directly through the site
 - 2. Rewards are FOR the dance a thon - glowsticks, light up rings, DJ will dance with classes, teacher dance, \$10k gets a Principal Neon Outfit for the dance
 - 3. Will have spots for setup and tear down, and parents can attend during their student's special time
- iv. Family Library Night- Jan 28th - Jenna and Ashlea will lead; PTO is providing food
- v. Alex Beekman- Feb 4th at 7:30p in the IDC
 - 1. Will host another event after two successful events last year; topic TBD but may focus on ADHD
- vi. Hoffman Trailblazer 5k & Fun Run- April 24th
 - 1. Kickoff Meeting and Group Chat planning starting soon!
 - 2. Website will go live soon - should be similar information to last year's event
- vii. Teacher Appreciation

5. Other Items

- a. Denim & Diamonds- Feb 27th - tickets on sale now!
- b. Blacktop painting- Cecilia Martyna - not something supported by the school at this time!
- c. Volunteer Forms - if you have an event, the form is now on the shared drive

Adjourn; 7:58p

PTO Officers for The 2025-2026 School Year:			
President: Angela Culver	Vice President: Kristina Clifton	Treasurer: Nicole Simeon	Secretary: Sara Gandhi
At Large: Heather Bickley, Allison Gainor, Courtney Shilling		ISPTO: Jenna Horner, Allison Hurley	
The HTE PTO Mission Statement:			
mission of Hoffman Trails Elementary School PTO is to enhance the educational experience at our school by inspiring, delivering, and sustaining a harmonious relationship with students, families, staff, and the community. We will do this by leveraging the time, talents, and treasures of our PTO members and volunteers to provide fair and equitable access to all. The PTO is designed to foster an environment of service, support, and fun to the community of Hoffman Trails.			